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THE FATAL GASOLINE

CAUSE THE DEATH OF FOUR PERSONS.

Attempt to Fill the Reservoir of a Lighted Gasoline Stove Results in an Explosion Throwing Burning Oil in all Directions.

Fatal Gasoline Explosion.
By the explosion of a gasoline stove on Townsend Street, Chicago, a family of six persons was almost exterminated. Four are dead and a fifth is so badly burned that death is almost certain.
Mrs. Malm, the wife and mother, had arisen to prepare breakfast, and her husband and children were still in bed and asleep. She lighted a gasoline stove, when the reservoir which holds the supply of oil exploded, throwing the burning fluid about the rooms. Before the sleeping members of the family could be taken out or even warned they were surrounded by flames and burned almost to a crisp. When the explosion occurred Mrs. Malm rushed frantically from the dwelling and screamed for help. She then returned to the house, soon re-appearing with her 3-year-old child in her arms. Pieces of the burning clothing still adhered to the burned flesh of the babe and it died shortly afterwards.
The screams of the mother had brought neighbors to the scene. The firemen removed the inmates and subdued the flames. Mrs. Malm's burns were attended to by physicians, who found that her burns were comparatively slight.

FLOODED WITH BAD COIN.
Thousands of Silver Counterfeit Half Dollars from China in 'Frisco.

United States secret service authorities have made a discovery that leads them to believe that the thousands of almost perfect half dollars, which have been circulated on the Pacific coast recently, defying detection except in the hands of experts, were made in China and brought to this country last summer by Chinese actors who came to the Atlanta exposition. Almost the entire troupe is now in San Francisco. It is estimated that \$10,000 worth of these coins were put in circulation. They contain nearly the same amount of silver as in regularly minted half dollars, but the extremely low price of silver bullion gave the counterfeiters a good profit.

Alleged Murderer Caught.
Ed Perry, the alleged murderer of the Sawyer family, was arrested at his aunt's house, southeast of Mansfield, Mo. When arrested he trembled and cried. Excitement was so high that, through fears of a lynching, Deputy Sheriff Goss left for West Plains with the prisoner, where he will be more secure from mob violence. A message from the sheriff of Green County says that the team, wagon and harness have been found and that it was Perry who sold them. The bloody clothes were found in the trunk in the wagon together with a saw and hatchet.

Murdered by the Mayor.
Mayor W. W. Waters of Hot Springs, Ark., killed Harry Martin, a doctor's drummer, on the street by cutting his throat with a pocket knife. The killing grew out of a war waged against the drummers by the city authorities. Martin accosted Waters on the street and a quarrel arose, when the mayor drew his knife and cut Martin's throat from ear to ear. The mayor was arrested.

Mayor Waters gained national notoriety through his connection with the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fiasco.

Island in Eruption.
The island of Socorro, 400 miles off the Mexican coast, is in a state of eruption. Two months ago, the latest date of news from the island, lava was running down the mountain sides, overflowing the low lands and traveling to the sea. The sky and sea was filled with ashes miles away from the island, and a blazing mountain forest was made out at night. It was a magnificent sight.

Car Jumps the Track.
A car on the Agate Avenue line of the tramway at Denver got out of the control of the motorman, jumped the track at a curve when going down hill at a high speed and turned over. There were seventy-four passengers in the car, a dozen of whom were injured.

Engineer and Fireman Killed.
A head end collision between a wild ore train and a work train on the Duluth and Iron Range near Tower, Minn., caused the death of two men. Several were slightly injured. The locomotives and several cars were derailed.

He Helped Capture Booth.
Lieut. Luther B. Baker, who, as an officer in the Government detective force, had charge of the party which captured J. Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln, died at Lansing, Mich., on the 28th, aged 66 years.

Gold Struck in Boston.
It is alleged that rich deposits of gold and silver have been found on the Tufts estate at Sumnerville, the largest of Boston's suburban towns. One is said to have been uncovered by workmen blasting.

The Horseless Carriage.
One of the most interesting attractions at the July race meeting of the Sioux City Fair Association will be a horseless carriage. This novelty, which never has been seen in Sioux City, will be exhibited each day of the meeting by the Haynes-Apperson Company of Kokomo, Ind.

Boiler Explosion Kills Eight.
A dispatch from Bingenbrück, Germany, near Bingen-on-the-Rhine, announces that the boiler of a tug exploded there, sinking two barges, killing eight people and injuring many others.

SWEPT BY ANOTHER STORM.

Eight Cyclones in Five Days Near Guthrie, Oklahoma.

A special to the St. Louis Republic from Guthrie, Oklahoma, says: A disastrous cyclone and waterspout passed over this section, causing great damage.

At Edmund twenty houses were demolished and two persons, Harvey Rich and his daughter, were killed.

At White Eagle, thirty miles north, three cyclones formed within the space of one hour, and swept towards the Osage country. Twelve houses were demolished and forty or fifty head of stock were killed in the vicinity of White Eagle.

At Black Bear John Rodgers and wife were killed by falling timbers, while a farmer named White was killed and all the members of his family injured by their house being blown on them.

It is reported that \$75,000 damage was done to property and stock in the Osage country. Several lives are reported lost. Eight cyclones have occurred within a radius of fifty miles in this section within five days. The city of Guthrie has always escaped the fury of the storms, owing to its location. Relief will be sent to the sufferers in Paine County.

REVIEW OF TRADE.

The Business World as Seen for the Past Week.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: The waiting condition, which seems to some people nothing better than stagnation still continues. But there is a difference. Thousands of orders and contracts are merely deferred because they can be more safely given a little later. The stories about damage to wheat have been numerous, but the general belief regarding the future supply is fairly reflected in the decline of 1.62 cents per bushel. The western receipts continue large. The home market falls entirely to respond to short crop stories, for it is known that western reports indicate a crop exceeding last year's.

Sales of wool have been 2,648,200 pounds for the week at the three chief markets, and for three weeks ending May 21 sales were 9,187,400 pounds, of which 4,882,300 were domestic, against 15,948,350 in the same weeks of 1892, of which 8,601,700 were domestic.

Failures for the week have been 227 in the United States, against 207 last year, and 28 in Canada against 23 last year.

Business Men Rise in Revolt.

The business men of Milwaukee have revolted against the boycott incident to the street railway strike. The commission merchants unitedly took the initiative in the movement by issuing the following manifesto:
"The undersigned, while expressing no opinion as to the differences between the street railway and its former employees, nevertheless emphatically assert our right and that of our families, employees and our patrons to transact business with such bankers, merchants, manufacturers and other persons and to patronize such public and private conveyance as may suit our convenience, and hereby give notice that we shall defend our right in these matters by all lawful means."

The boycott is strangling business and it is expected that merchants in all branches of trade will join the counter movement for self-preservation.

A Negro Quickly Found Guilty.

Irving M. Ford, the negro whose brutal murder of young Elsie Kreglo, a white girl 16 years old, near the Zoological Park created a sensation in Washington and Maryland less than three weeks ago, was found guilty by the jury after being out seven minutes. Ford made a confession and pleaded guilty, but the court refused to accept the plea and ordered a trial. The main effort of the defense was to exclude Ford's confession.

Sultan's Presents to the Czar.

The Sultan's presents to the Czar upon the occasion of the latter's coronation consist of a number of rich carpets and other costly articles, including a diamond pin valued at \$2,000 (\$10,000) intended for the Czarina. In addition the Sultan has sent a high decoration to the Czar and has forwarded presents to the principal members of his household.

For Not Having Flags.

The grand jury at Jacksonville, Ill., has returned indictments against the heads of Illinois College, the Catholic and parochial schools for not having flags on their school buildings. Among those indicted are Bishop Ryan of the Alton diocese, and Vicar General Hickey of Springfield, many other prominent people being included.

Venezuela Also Has a Press Censor.

The Venezuelan Government has forbidden the circulation in Caracas of a Panama newspaper, because it published an offensive article on the condition of affairs under President Crespo. This newspaper asserts that it is an American journal, and therefore will invoke United States interference to get the prohibition removed.

Double 'Frisco Tragedy.

A. E. Sheppard, a San Francisco jeweler, murdered his cousin, Miss Avery, and then cut his own throat. The woman was addicted to morphine. A note left by the murderer indicated that he considered it his duty to kill her. Sheppard was a devotee of spiritualism.

Shot and Killed by Mistake.

Ernest Brownell, a student at the high school at Greeley, Colo., aged 17, was shot and killed by Bode Foster, a barber, who mistook him for a burglar. Brownell was lodging at Foster's house and returned home after attending a rehearsal. Foster has been arrested.

Omaha Water System Sold.

The water system of Omaha was sold at public auction, the purchaser being the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, the trustee of the bondholders who hold the mortgage bonds on the plant. There was but one bid, the purchase price of the plant being \$4,000,000.

Three Murderers Hanged.

John Rutherford, Brady Rutherford and Joe Goodson were hanged at Benham, Texas, for the murder of Thomas Dyer. All died protesting their innocence.

TO KEEP OUT ILLITERATE.

The Corliss Immigration Bill Passed by the House.

After two days' debate the House on the 21st by the overwhelming vote of 195 to 25 passed the Bartholdt-McCall immigration bill, as modified by the Corliss amendment. The bill, as passed, adds to the classes of aliens excluded from admission to the United States all male persons between the ages of 16 and 60 years (except parents of persons living in this country) who can not read and write English or some other language. The Corliss amendment added to the bill excludes aliens who come across the borders year after year to perform labor in the United States, with no intention of settling therein. It declares all labor contracts with aliens void, and makes parties thereto within the jurisdiction of the United States punishable by a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding one year; makes it a misdemeanor for naturalized citizens who have returned to a foreign country, making the same their home, to again perform labor in the United States; makes it a misdemeanor for any alien to cross the border for labor in the United States, except at a port of entry, and imposes a head tax of 50 cents on each immigrant.

PRESBYTERIANS IN SESSION.

The 108th General Assembly Opens in Saratoga, N. Y.

The first day's session of the 108th Presbyterian General Assembly at Saratoga, N. Y., brought with it two surprises. The proposal in the moderator's sermon for a conference to arrange and pacify the differences which have troubled the denomination during recent years was the first. The second was the election on the first ballot by a handsome majority of the man who has been regarded as the candidate of the liberal party in the church. This view of the new moderator's tendencies was stoutly denied, but at all events his first act was accepted as showing a determination to be independent of control and dictation.

Nearly 700 commissioners, half ministers and half elders, occupied seats on the floor of the auditorium, and as many more ladies and visitors were crowded upon the floor of the auditorium. The service according to the book of discipline of the Presbyterian Church began promptly at 11 o'clock. Dr. Booth's sermon occupied more than an hour in the delivery.

NATIONAL SAENGERFEST.

Cleveland Will Open It by Pushing an Electric Button.

President Cleveland has written to the executive committee of the Twenty-eighth National Saengerfest, which begins in Pittsburgh June 8, that he will be unable to attend, but that he will be with the German singers and the monster audience in spirit at the reception concert and will open the Saengerfest by the touch of an electric button at the White House.

A monster flag is to be made of red, white and blue glass bulbs, which, at a given signal, will be illuminated by an electric wire having a circuit direct from the Saengerfest hall to the White House. The illumination will take place just before the reception concert, after the audience is seated. In this manner the President will declare the great national fest of song officially opened.

To Forget the Past.

It is learned on the highest authority that a movement is on foot in London and in Paris and Brussels in favor of the reconciliation of the Armenians with Turkey. There is every reason to believe this movement has been started with the consent of the Sultan. His Majesty has been vividly impressed by the state of affairs in Antolia, created by the sad events of the past year. It is necessary, however, that the Armenians should come forward honestly and endeavor to forget the past and boldly appeal to the personal sentiment of the Sultan.

Met Death in a Box Car.

One man was killed and six injured by a singular accident on a lake shore freight train near Toledo, Ohio. The train was going westward when the air hose broke near the middle of the train setting the brakes on the front half of the train. The rear portion came forward with such terrible force that one empty stock car was doubled together as if it had been a paper box. In the rear was seven tramps stealing a ride.

Frank Harms of Washington, Ga., had his head crushed and will die. The others were more or less seriously injured.

Mississippi Rising Rapidly.

No damage has been done yet, but it is greatly feared at Alton, Ill., and the flood prospect is becoming alarming. The river stands on the official gauge twenty feet above low water mark and the water is still rising rapidly. The river is fairly out of its banks and thousands of acres of low lands are being flooded, with their growing crops. Tenants are endeavoring to get away to higher ground, but many of them cannot do so without help.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Sioux City—Cattle: Stockers and feeders, \$2.75 to \$3.25. Hogs: Prices ranging from \$2.95 to \$3.05. Grain: Wheat, 48c to 50c; corn, 18c to 22c; oats, 14c to 15c. Rye, 20c; flax, 75c; hay, \$5.00 to \$6.00; butter, 10c to 15c; eggs, 6c.
Chicago—Cattle: Beef steers, \$3.40 to \$4.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to \$3.90. Hogs: Prices ranging from \$3.00 to \$3.42. Grain: Wheat, No. 2 spring, 59c; No. 3 spring, 59c to 60c; No. 2 red, 61c to 64c; corn, No. 2, 29c to 28c; No. 2 yellow, 29c to 29c; oats, No. 2, 19c; No. 2 white, 21c to 21c; No. 3 white, 20c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 30c; flax seed, No. 1, 83c; timothy seed, 83c.
Kansas City—Cattle: Beef steers, \$2.85 to \$4.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to \$3.85. Hogs: Prices ranging from \$2.10 to \$4.05. Sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.00.
South Omaha—Cattle: Beef steers, \$3.25 to \$3.95; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to \$4.00. Hogs: Prices ranging from \$3.00 to \$3.15.
Minneapolis—Grain: Wheat, May, 59c; July, 58c to 58c; No. 1 hard on track, 60c; No. 1 Northern, 60c.

OF A GREAT STATE

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF NEBRASKA.

Judge Marshall at Fremont Refuses to Again Listen to the Troubles Involved in the Damage Suit Against the Elkhorn Road.

Dodge Damage Case Passed On.
Judge Marshall at Fremont overruled the plaintiff's motion for a new trial in the case of Hanson against the Elkhorn. His decision was quite lengthy and a careful review of the points of law involved in the case, sustaining the instructions given by him on the trial. The principal objections to the instructions were that the court erred in instructing that the burden of proof was on the plaintiff to show that he was not guilty of contributory negligence and that all possible steps were taken to prevent the spread of the fire to his property. In the course of the opinion the court intimated that the plaintiff could not recover if the fire, though started by spark from defendant's locomotive, was allowed to spread to his property through the negligence of a third party. The decision in this case will not affect the others.

Killed While Walking the Track.

The eastbound Rock Island passenger train ran over and killed a man two and one-half miles east of Kichfield at 10 o'clock on the morning of the 19th. The coroner's inquest developed that the man was walking in a deep cut in which there was a sharp bend, and was not seen by the engineer until the train was within 100 feet of him. The man was struck while stepping from the track. The body was in no way disfigured and it is believed that death resulted from a broken back. Besides 90 cents and a few personal effects, letters were found upon his person addressed to George Dublin, Nebraska City. He had evidently been recently at work in a South Omaha packing house. The remains were turned over to the county undertaker for burial.

Electric Lights Again Shine.

O'Neill is again lit up with electric light after four and one-half months of darkness. A petition was presented to the council signed by eighty-five business men of the city, praying the council to again light the city. The petition was granted. Last December the councilmen decided that owing to hard times the city would have to do away with the street lights, and on January 1 the plant closed. May 1 H. C. Miller of Lincoln resumed control of the plant and it has been in operation since. The city formerly paid \$8.00 a light per month, while now it gets them at \$6.00 per month.

Good Price for Nebraska Grain.

The last of the western steers which have been fed at 6 cents per pound were shipped the other night. Over \$10,000 has been distributed near Shelby to the feeders of these animals. Grain which has had a low market value and soft corn and stalks yielded a fine profit when converted into meat. The South Omaha commission men who placed the cattle at Shelby have dealt liberally with the feeders and the latter will be anxious to serve them next year.

Murderer Schmidt Sentenced.

John Schmidt pleaded guilty at Nebraska City to manslaughter and was sentenced by Judge Ramsey to twenty-five years imprisonment in the state penitentiary. Schmidt had been an inmate of the Nebraska state asylum and was discharged therefrom as cured. A few months afterward he layd his father-in-law, an aged man, at night and shot him so that he died in a few days.

Woman Scares a Burglar.

Mayor Bonekemper's residence at Sutton was entered by a burglar the other night. He was discovered by Mrs. Bonekemper being awakened by burning matches. She stepped out of her room and met the burglar face to face with a lighted match in his hand, who made precipitate flight down stairs and escaped before the mayor could be called. The burglar did not secure any booty.

Troubles of a Stuart Family.

The remains of John Carberry, who committed suicide at Stuart by shooting himself, were interred in the Atkinson cemetery. The family of late years has been singularly unfortunate. This is the third member of the family that has been buried in the past year and three died previous to that time.

Police Arrest Suspicious Characters.

The police authorities at Grand Island arrested three strangers, who had a sack of shoes and a lot of handkerchiefs and underclothing, possession of which they believed considerably more goods have been hidden. Some of the shoes are Rice & Hutchins' make.

Erects a Flag Pole.

McPherson Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Fremont, has erected a fifty-foot pole on the lot donated to it by the cemetery association at Ridge Cemetery. The monument to the unknown dead, which is to be dedicated Decoration Day, will be placed on the same lot.

Investigating a Village Board.

The new village board of Exter has a couple of experts in the persons of the present clerk and treasurer going through the books and papers of the previous board's proceedings to try to unravel the tangle in which the business of that board was kept.

Horse Thieves Bound Over.

Fetterly and Daniels, the two young men arrested at Plainview, charged with stealing C. O. Barnard's trotting mare, had their trial before the county judge. They waived examination to the district court.

Peculiarly Formed Hog.

Frank Green of Greeley Center has a freak of nature on exhibition. It is a pig with eight well-formed legs, four ears and a single body and head.

Jumps and Breaks a Leg.

A few days since Harvey Stevens of Bayard was starting for work his team became frightened and ran away. Mr. Stevens, who is about 60 years old, jumped from the wagon, striking the ground with sufficient force to break his leg in two places just above the ankle.

Curfew at O'Neill.

The City council at O'Neill got in line with the rest of the cities and passed a curfew ordinance. Hereafter all children under 16 years of age will have to be at home after 9 o'clock in the evening.

SHE DIES OF GRIEF.

News of Henry Bolln's Conviction Kills His Sister.

One death has followed the conviction of Henry Bolln, the ex-city treasurer of Omaha, which is believed by his relatives to be directly traceable to Bolln's conviction and sentence.
It is the death of Bolln's sister, Mrs. H. Kimme of Cheyenne. Mrs. Kimme has taken a great interest in Bolln's trial and has furnished him considerable money for his defense. When Bolln was sentenced by Judge Baker, and shortly after his return to the jail, he wrote his sister telling her of the sentence.
Word received by him was to the effect that when Mrs. Kimme received his letter she fell prostrate and senseless. This was Sunday evening. Monday morning she died. Bolln is almost prostrated with grief at the loss of his sister.

FORT OMAHA BILL PASSES.

Senate Agrees to Lease the Reservation to Nebraska.

Omaha and Nebraska are within sight of the day when the reservation will be turned over to the state, the acquisition of the Fort Omaha military reservation. The bill passed the Senate late on the afternoon of the 20th, without a single vote against it, and being taken up by unanimous consent.

The passage of this measure means much for the state, for in a few years Congress will give it outright the Fort Omaha reservation should the state realize the intention of the promoters of this enterprise, to establish thereon a great training school for the youth of the whole west.

Begged Funds for Evil Purposes.

A man giving his name as Luke Crogan was in Schuyler recently with a 3-year-old girl and a 5-year-old boy begging funds to get him on his way west with his children, whom he seemed to desire to get out of reach of his wife who had forsaken him in Dakota. He said he lived in Ponca seven months and that he had been in North Bend during the last seven weeks. Because of the children, much sympathy was manifested for them until he began spending the money in saloons and got beastly drunk, and it was learned that he gave the children liquor. Officers of the Children's Home Society tried to get the children, but he would not release them, stating that he desired a home for them, but wanted them where they would be subject to his call. He left Schuyler with the children, saying he was going to Lincoln to put them in the Orphan's Home.

Taking Game Fish Easily.

During the high water of last week the Elkhorn overflowed its banks and filled up a good many low places in Elkhorn Township. The river has now gone down, leaving considerable water standing. These pools are filled with fish, bass and pickerel principally. John Lass of Elkhorn Township was in Fremont recently with a wagon load of fish which he took from a pool on his farm. The water was subsiding, the fish had no way of getting back to the river and they could be caught very easily.

Salvationists to Have a Church.

The Salvation Army is planning to erect a building for church and barracks in Fremont. They have secured an option on a lot on Fifth Street and are making a strong effort to raise \$3,000 to purchase the same and erect a church. Several of Fremont's business men who are in sympathy with the work of the organization have subscribed and they feel confident of being able to raise the money. They intend to put up a good sized, commodious building with rooms for the use of the officers.

Eloped with Two Girls.

Neil Crosby, employed in a hotel at Orr, eloped from that place with Miss Rice and Grace Wampole, two young girls about 16 years old, taking with them the hotel bus horse. Not showing up in the morning, inquiry was made and telegrams sent to the neighboring towns. They were located in Greeley Center, where some Ord men were to meet them, but before Crosby had completed his escape the officers of the law took him in and he will be taken back to Orr.

Young Man Burned to Death.

A. L. Dulaney, a young man living three miles west of Adelia, was burned to death in his house. Dulaney, who lived alone, was subject to epileptic fits, and of late they had taken him quite frequently. It is supposed that during one of the fits he overturned a lamp, thus setting the house on fire. The fire was not discovered until the house had fallen in. A portion of the trunk of the body was all that was recovered. He had no relatives there.

Minstrelsy by North Platte Women.

The women of North Platte gave a minstrel show for the benefit of the art department of the Irrigation Fair. About thirty women, all well known in society there, appeared behind the footlights in burnt cork masks and gave one of the best minstrel shows ever witnessed in the town. A large crowd attended and a sum large enough to insure a good art department at the fair was realized.

Farmer Boy Tries Burglary.

A farmer boy named Samuel Phelps broke in the rear door of Mrs. Person's dry goods store at Central City a few nights ago. Nightwatch Cox heard the noise and called the marshal to assist him. When Phelps discovered he was treed he jumped through a large plate glass and endeavored to escape. He was caught, however.

New Mining Company.

The Omaha Mint Mining Company has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$2,000,000, for the development of five mines in the Cripple Creek district. The company is composed of Omaha business men, who have already commenced work on the mines owned by the company. The articles have been filed with the county clerk.

Blind Students Entertain.

There was a musical entertainment at the Institute for the Blind at Plattsmouth the other evening, and a large audience was present. The Dove sisters of Plattsmouth sang some delightful selections. The institute orchestra rendered a number of selections.

Body of South Omaha Boy Found.

The body of a boy, apparently about 15 years of age, was found in the Missouri River near Rock Bluff. The body was dressed in light striped trousers, shirt and shoes, and had been in the water for some time, though quite well preserved. It is believed that the boy is the one who was drowned near South Omaha some time ago and the authorities of that place have been notified.

Taken to the Reform School.

Sheriff Hahn of Osceola has gone to Kearney to Place Jesse Campbell, a 10-year-old boy in the reform school.

HOMAGE TO THE CZAR

RUSSIAN RULER ENTERS THE EMPIRE'S OLD CAPITAL.

Nicholas Is Hailed by Booming Cannon and Pealing Bells—In Dazzling Cavalcade—Royalty and Nobility Journey from the Petrovsky Palace.

Day of Joy at Moscow.

The czar and czarina made their triumphal entry into Moscow amid the thunder of batteries of artillery, the clanging of countless bells and the cheers of a vast multitude of loyal Russians and equally enthusiastic visitors from all parts of the world. Probably never in the history of nations has there been such an assemblage of peoples. Possibly the gorgeous scene may never be repeated in the coming entirety. In anticipation of the coming of the czar, the entire route from Petrovsky palace, about three miles on the road to St. Petersburg to the Kremlin was so densely packed with people that movement except on the outskirts of the immense crowds was out of the question.

The signal for the commencement of the day's movements was a salute of nine guns from a battery outside the city. This was followed by the dull booming of the big bell of the Cathedral of the Assumption and the assembling of the troops at their various mustering points.

Then the countless high dignitaries of the empire and of foreign countries began to gather at the Petrovsky palace, to take their places in the gala equipages or to escort on horseback the carriages of their imperial majesties. The grand dukes and grand duchesses, the princes and the princesses, the Asiatic potentates, the innumerable representatives of every country



under the sun assembled there to do honor to the czar of all the Russias, the ruler of the mighty empire which half encircles the globe. Generals with their staffs, aids-de-camp riding at breakneck speed, orderlies galloping furiously were to be seen everywhere. The clash of arms resounded on all sides, and most impressive was the gathering of the hosts of the mighty empire.

At 2:30 o'clock there was a further thundering of the cannon, this time from the direction of the Petrovsky palace, and that living mass of men and women gave a great sigh of relief, for it was the signal that the czar had started on his journey to the Kremlin.

Reception of the Czar.

After leaving the palace the czar was received by the commander-in-chief of all the troops at Moscow and in its neighborhood, the Grand Duke Sergius, and then the latter, with a most brilliant staff, joined in the procession. At the Resurrection gate the czar dismounted from his horse and the empresses descended from their carriages in order to worship at the shrine of the Iberian Madonna, the most sacred of the many holy symbols in Moscow. At the shrine their majesties were received by the grand vicar of Moscow, who presented them with the cross and sprinkled them with holy water. Their majesties entered the chapel and knelt in prayer before the image. At the conclusion of their devotions the czar remounted his horse and they passed through the gate into the Kremlin, where they were received with all the ecclesiastical pomp possible.

At the moment their majesties entered the palace of the Kremlin an artillery salute of 101 guns was fired and throughout the journey of their majesties the bells from all the bellfries from Moscow were tolled. The czar and czarina will remain at the palace in partial seclusion until the ceremony of the coronation of the imperial standard, which always occurs three days before the coronation.

Cost of the Fetes.

The Russian Government is said to have spent over \$20,000,000 on the fetes up to the present, and the city of Moscow is understood to have expended nearly as much money and more expenses have to be met. The illumination cost several millions of dollars to the Government alone, without counting what the city contributed toward this portion of the expense. Besides the expense of the Russian Government and the city of Moscow, the expenses which grand dukes and grand duchesses, foreign princes and ambassadors, etc., have been put to is really enormous, one authority going so far as to estimate that there was about \$100,000,000 worth of jewelry alone in the procession.

The French Government especially has been put to a very great expense for the coronation fetes. The cost of the supper which their imperial majesties attended under the auspices of the French delegation cost over \$100,000, and the carriages used by the French envoys were the property of the Emperor Napoleon, built especially for the christening of the late prince imperial. Ex-Empress Eugenie allowed them to be sent to Moscow for the use of Comte De Montebello and General De Boisdeffre, the representatives of France.

The French excavators at Delphi have unearth